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Title: Hierarchical Method for Storing Data with Improved Compression

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**Response to Advisory Action**

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Sir,

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 13, 2004, please consider the following remarks.